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TAGS: OVIP (PRESIDENT VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING), PFOR, XA

SUBJECT: FRANCOPHONE SUMMIT

REF: (1) PARIS 1408; (2) DAKAR 3340; (3) BANGUI 125

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1. FRENCH EMBASSY HERE ANTICIPATES THAT FRANCOPHONE CHIEFS

OF STATE SUMMIT CONFERENCE AT BANGUI WILL COMMENCE MARCH 5 AND LAST TWO DAYS. UNLIKE OCAM HEADS OF STATE CONFERENCE LAST AUGUST, FRENCH HERE DO NOT EXPECT THIS ONE WILL BE PRECEDED BY FOREIGN MINISTER CONFERENCE.

2. IT IS STILL NOT KNOWN LOCALLY WHETHER FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING WILL MAKE HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE CAR BEFORE OR AFTER FRANCOPHONE CONFERENCE. IN EITHER CASE, HOWEVER, FRENCH EMBASSY EXPECTS IT WILL BE VERY SHORT.

3. ENTIRE GOCAR RESOURCES ABSORBED IN PREPARATIONS FOR SUMMIT AND VISIT OF FRENCH PRESIDENT. GOCAR MAKING ACTIVE EFFORT ENSURE ATTENDANCE BY LARGE NUMBER OF CHIEFS OF STATE FROM EIGHTEEN AFRICAN SIGNATORIES TO YAOUNDE II CONVENTION.

4. IN THIS CONNECTION, FIVE CAR MINISTERS DEPARTED BANGUI JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 1 ON SPECIAL MISSION CARRYING PERSONAL MESSAGES FROM BOKASSA TO FRANCOPHONE CHIEFS OF STATE URGING THEM TO ATTEND SUMMIT. REPORTEDLY, TOURISM MINISTER ANGE PATASSE IS VISITING CAMEROON, CHAD, CONGO, AND GABON; NATIONAL ORGANIZATION MINISTER JEAN AMITY IS COVERING MALI, MAURITANIA, IVORY COAST AND SENAGAL; AND TRANSPORT MINISTER HENRI BOUNDIO HAS GONE TO ZAIRE, RWANDA AND BURUNDI. IT IS BELIEVED THAT JUSTICE AND LABOR MINISTER CLEMENT N'GAI-VOUETO AND EDUCATION MINISTER JEAN-LOUIS PSIMHIS ARE HOLDING SIMILAR TALKS IN TOGO, DAHOMEY AND POSSIBLY OTHER FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

5. PRESIDENT BOKASSA HIMSELF DEPARTED BANGUI FEBRUARY 5 FOR FOUR TO FIVE DAY VISIT IN ABIDJAN DURING WHICH IT IS EXPECTED HE WILL DISCUSS SUMMIT WITH PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY. PRESIDENTIAL PALACE FUNCTIONARY BANGQUE-TANDET IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE PRECEDED BOKASSA TO IVORY COAST JANUARY 24 TO DELIVER MESSAGE FROM BOKASSA TO HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY. AFTER ABIDJAN BOKASSA PLANS TO TRAVEL TO DAKAR AND ON FEBRUARY 10 TO PARIS, BOTH VISITS PRESUMABLY CONNECTED IN SOME WAY WITH SUMMIT PREPARATIONS.

6. FONMIN JOSEPH POTOLOT RETURNED FROM 10-DAY PARIS VISIT JANUARY 28 REPORTEDLY PLEASED WITH MANNER IN WHICH GOF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECEIVED HIM. WE UNDERSTAND FROM FONMIN SOURCES THAT DETAILS OF SUMMIT HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT WITH GOF AND THAT POTOLOT WAS SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING GOF FINANCING FOR CONFERENCE. DALE

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